

MENTOR MICHIGAN DIRECTORY

BERRIEN COUNTY

This listing for Berrien County is organized first by programs that serve the entire county, and second by programs serving a specific city within this county.

The cities are listed alphabetically.

COUNTY-WIDE

Volunteer Center of Southwest Michigan

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Program Description:

Volunteer Centers recruit, train, and place volunteers in nonprofit organizations throughout their service area. They are inclusive, serving all nonprofits and residents—they do not limit their service to a particular issue, group of people, or type of activity. Michigan's Volunteer Centers are all prepared to assist mentors find organizations where they can volunteer. Volunteer Centers often take a leadership position in convening organizations and individuals to find solutions to complex community issues. They live their belief that people enrich their own lives and strengthen their communities through volunteer service.

COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED

Benton Harbor - St. Joseph YMCA Family Center - Y Uncles / Y Partners

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Program Description:

The YMCA Y Uncles/Y Partners serves elementary, middle, and high school youth from single-parent, step, or dysfunctional homes. The program provides one-on-one mentoring so children have another positive adult role model in their lives. Children are exposed to new activities and experiences based on a relationship built on commitment and consistency. Volunteer mentors are expected to make a one year commitment, which typically involves 12 hours per month. The hours are based on the child's availability.

Berrien County MSU Extension - 4-H Mentoring Program

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Description:

The 4-H mentoring program serves middle and high school youth at Berrien County Juvenile Center. Upon completion of required training, mentors would likely be matched one-on-one with a mentee possessing similar interests. Mentors and mentees meet weekly and have lunch together at the Berrien County Juvenile Center. Volunteer mentors are expected to make an eight month commitment, which involves one hour per week during lunch time.

COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Berrien & Cass, Inc.

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Program Description:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Berrien & Cass, Inc. prepares children for the future by enhancing their strengths through new experiences and friendships with qualified volunteers, supported by professional staff. Elementary and middle school students are involved with one-on-one and peer mentoring programs that take place in a school or community-based setting. Volunteer mentors are expected to make a one year commitment, which involves one to two hours per week during afternoon, evening, or weekend hours.

ExperienceSeniorPower.com

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Description:

Through ExperienceSeniorPower.com, children and senior citizens learn computer and job skills together. Children receive an adult role model through these "adoptive grandparent" relationships and seniors have the opportunity to contribute their life experience and knowledge. This program includes one-on-one, group, team, and e-mentoring activities. Senior volunteers are expected to make a one year commitment during morning, afternoon, or weekend hours.

COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED

Michigan Youth Leadership Forum

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Program Description:

The Michigan Youth Leadership Forum involves 35 high school students that have disabilities. The students are integrated with other students and adults with disabilities to learn leadership, social skills, and citizenship. The program involves one-on-one, team, and peer mentoring and takes place during one week during the summer. The program is managed by the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns. Volunteers are expected to commit to one full week in the summer and follow up activities.

BENTON HARBOR

Art of Leadership Foundation

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Program Description:

The Art of Leadership Foundation (ALF) program inspires vision and leadership in middle and high school students, giving them the skills to succeed in their lives and be leaders in their communities. The program is based on a proven Executive Leadership Development program, designed by Personal Mastery Programs. After an initial overnight retreat where ALF coaches (mentors) are trained in the skills of visionary leadership, they work with youth to deepen their own understanding of and ability to apply these skills in their every day lives. Program involves one-on-one, group, team, peer, and e-mentoring. Mentors are expected to make a six month commitment, which involves eight hours of service per month. Following the overnight retreat, mentoring takes place during afternoon and after school hours.

MENTORING COLLABORATIVE

Mentoring Collaboratives are community-wide resources for mentoring programs, people looking to become mentors, and youth who want a mentor or need access to mentoring services. A Collaborative serves as a coordinating body for mentoring activities in their service area, which could be city-wide, county-wide, or regional in focus. They provide awareness and education around mentoring issues and work to ensure that all age groups are represented and provided with mentoring services. Collaboratives are made up of the mentoring programs in their service area, and they meet regularly to share best practices, learn about new trends in the field, partner on projects, and learn from one another.

Mentoring Roundtable

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